

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman Bill McChesney, on February 6, 2009 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mark Bruno, OBPP
Shawn Graham, OBPP
Mitzi Grover, Committee Secretary
Matt Stayner, Legislative Branch
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Health Care and Benefits Division, Department of Administration
Commissioner of Political Practices

Executive Action:

Commissioner of Political Practices DP 1, DP 2, DP 4, DP 5
Department of Administration Health Care PL 2104, DP 2107,
DP 2103, DP 2108

00:00:09 Chairman McChesney

Department of Administration, Health Care and Benefits Division

Informational Testimony:

00:01:26 Connie Welsh, Administrator, Health Care and Benefits
Division, Department of Administration

00:07:07 Sen. Zinke

00:08:24 Ms. Welsh

EXHIBIT (jgh28a01)

Questions from Committee and Responses:

00:12:38 Sen. Zinke

00:12:54 Ms. Welsh

00:14:34 Sen. Zinke

00:14:42 Ms. Welsh

00:15:20 Sen. Zinke

00:15:28 Ms. Welsh

00:15:44 Chairman McChesney

00:16:55 Sen. Zinke

00:17:42 Sen. Laible

00:18:22 Ms. Welsh

00:18:53 Sen. Laible

00:19:00 Ms. Welsh

00:19:18 Sen. Laible

00:19:48 Ms. Welsh

00:20:19 Sen. Laible

00:20:29 Ms. Welsh

00:20:42 Chairman McChesney

00:20:53 Ms. Welsh

00:21:19 Chairman McChesney

00:21:51 Ms. Welsh

00:21:56 Rep. McNutt left.

00:22:13 Chairman McChesney

00:22:55 Ms. Welsh

00:25:38 Chairman McChesney

00:26:07 Ms. Welsh

00:27:25 Sen. Laible

00:28:29 Ms. Welsh

00:28:49 Chairman McChesney

00:28:56 John H. McEwen, Association of Montana Retired Public
Employees

EXHIBIT (jgh28a02)

00:33:13 Chairman McChesney

00:34:20 Ms. Welsh
00:35:47 Chairman McChesney
00:36:02 Ms. Welsh
00:36:13 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD
00:38:08 Chairman McChesney
00:38:21 Ms. Steinbeck
00:39:36 Sen. Laible left.
00:44:53 Ms. Welsh
00:55:45 Ms. Steinbeck
00:57:54 Ms. Welsh
00:58:32 Sen. Laible returned.
00:59:22 Chairman McChesney
00:59:33 Ms. Steinbeck
01:01:15 Ms. Welsh
01:03:35 Chairman McChesney
01:03:43 Ms. Welsh
01:05:07 Chairman McChesney
01:05:29 Ms. Welsh
01:07:55 Sen. Zinke
01:08:19 Ms. Welsh
01:08:36 Sen. Zinke
01:08:56 Ms. Steinbeck
01:12:08 Chairman McChesney
01:13:02 Ms. Steinbeck

EXHIBIT (jgh28a03)

01:14:53 Chairman McChesney
01:14:59 Sen. Zinke
01:15:37 Ms. Welsh
01:17:05 Sen. Zinke

01:17:17 Recess
01:58:14 Reconvene

Commissioner of Political Practices

Executive Action:

01:58:15 Chairman McChesney

EXHIBIT (jgh28a04)

01:59:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 1** increases in Web/IT, telephone and travel **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. McNutt and Rep. Nooney voted aye by proxy.

02:00:13 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 2** additional legal costs funding one time only **BE DEFERRED**.

- 02:00:36 Rep. Sesso
02:00:45 Sen. Laible withdrew his motion on **DP 2**.
- 02:00:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 2** additional legal costs funding one time only **BE ADOPTED**. Motion failed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Rep. McNutt voted no by proxy.
- 02:01:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 4** building security update one time only **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Rep. McNutt voted by proxy.
- 02:02:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 5** IT application maintenance and enhancement **BE DEFERRED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Rep. McNutt voted by proxy.

Discussion:

- 02:03:06 Rep. Sesso
02:03:37 Chairman McChesney
02:03:45 Rep. Sesso
02:07:02 Sen. Zinke
02:07:50 Rep. Sesso
02:08:43 Chairman McChesney
02:08:59 Rep. Sesso
- 02:09:55 Recess
02:13:25 Reconvene
- 02:13:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 5** IT application maintenance and enhancement for \$20,000 each year. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 02:14:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 5** IT application maintenance and enhancement for \$40,000 biennium one time only **BE ADOPTED** and restricted to complete the candidate registration component before the 2010 election. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Rep. McNutt voted by proxy.

Discussion:

- 02:15:08 Sen. Laible
02:15:15 Mr. Stayner, LFD
02:15:46 Sen. Laible

02:16:37 Recess
02:19:42 Reconvene

02:19:42 Chairman McChesney
02:20:30 Mr. Stayner
02:21:50 Rep. Sesso
02:22:38 Mr. Graham
02:23:21 Rep. Sesso
02:23:45 Sen. Laible
02:24:41 Mr. Stayner
02:25:11 Mr. Graham
02:25:17 Rep. Sesso
02:25:23 Sen. Laible
02:25:34 Chairman McChesney
02:25:47 Sen. Laible
02:26:04 Rep. Sesso
02:26:18 Chairman McChesney

02:26:41 Recess
02:30:48 Reconvene

Department of Administration Health Care

Executive Action:

02:30:49 Chairman McChesney
02:31:07 Ms. Steinbeck
02:32:21 Mr. Bruno
02:32:40 Ms. Steinbeck

02:33:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved **PL 2104** daycare lease rate **BE ADOPTED**. Motion **FAILED** 3-4 by voice vote. Sen. Zinke and Sen. Laible voted no. Rep. Nooney and Rep. McNutt voted no by proxy.

02:34:21 Ms. Steinbeck
02:35:01 Rep. Sesso left.

02:35:49 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved **DP 2107** 5% increase in Flex spending **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sesso, Rep. McNutt and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

02:36:25 Ms. Steinbeck

02:37:25 **Motion:** Chairman McChesney moved **DP 2103** SABHRS support provided by HCBF **BE ADOPTED**.

Discussion:

02:37:38 Sen. Laible
02:38:34 Ms. Welch
02:39:05 Sen. Laible
02:39:18 Chairman McChesney withdrew his motion.

02:39:26 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved **DP 2103** SABHRS support provided by HCBD **BE ADOPTED** with no funding. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney, Rep. McNutt and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy.

02:40:21 Sen. Laible
02:40:29 Ms. Welsh

02:41:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 2108** attorney FTE transfer **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney, Rep. McNutt and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy.

Discussion:

02:41:48 Chairman McChesney
02:41:55 Sen. Laible
02:42:26 Ms. Steinbeck

02:42:37 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved that the language in HB 2 **BE ADOPTED**.

02:43:09 Sen. Zinke
02:43:15 Ms. Welsh
02:43:22 Sen. Laible withdrew his motion for adoption of language in HB 2
02:45:34 Chairman McChesney
02:46:27 Sen. Laible
02:47:01 Sen. Zinke

02:47:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO DEFER** action on language in HB 2. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney, Rep. McNutt and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy.

02:48:35 Ms. Welsh
02:49:28 Chairman McChesney
02:49:56 Ms. Steinbeck

EXHIBIT (jgh28a05)

02:52:09 Chairman McChesney
02:52:42 Adjournment

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02:52:42 Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

Mitzi Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jgh28aad.pdf](#))